

LB 425 is not a piece of tax break legislation and so those that want to do a cost benefit analysis on a piece of tax break legislation, they're going to have to find another piece of legislation to do it to. Next, I have never said and you will never hear me say that we ought to run government like a business. I know that that's a statement that is made by many that I believe don't understand either business or government. Lastly, I think that there's...not lastly, but I think that there is certainly an appropriate cost associated with creating jobs and that's what LB 425 is primarily trying to do, is to give the State of Nebraska a better opportunity to create jobs. I don't see a problem with associating our cost to that. Government provides a lot of things for a lot of people and I think one thing that is very beneficial that we can provide are jobs for people so that they can support their families. I have...Senator Wickersham mentioned that maybe I ought to visit with the Department of Economic Development. I know full well that they do cost benefit analysis. I've done cost benefit analysis on these types of projects. I think it's a whole different issue, performing those types of functions within the duties and responsibilities of a department and whole another to include it within the legislation. And finally, he has used a similar or a technique that lawyers use once in a while and that's attempting to put words in my mouth particular to the idea that I would not think that we should have an analysis of government spending and that I would think that any analysis would be bad public policy. I certainly don't think that and I think he understands and recognizes that. My perspective here was one that we've had a similar discussion before, I understand that we have. If the body wants to adopt this amendment with the toothless tiger cost benefit analysis in it, that's fine with me, and as such, I will respectfully withdraw the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The amendment is withdrawn. Next matter, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have nothing further pending to this third portion of Senator Wickersham's original amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: This is, as I understand, the third portion of the Wickersham pending amendment. For discussion, Senator Chambers. I don't see Senator Chambers in the body. Senator Hillman. Senator Hillman waives off. Senator Wickersham, there are no further lights on. Would you care to close?